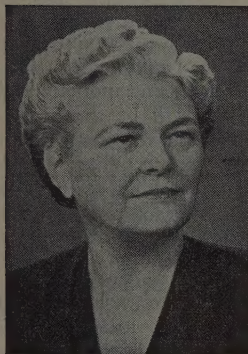


# NATIONAL CONGRESS BULLETIN

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## Dear Local Presidents:



Mrs. L. W. Hughes

**T**HE years that you and I have worked together in the interests of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers have been notably productive. We have carried to completion many projects of

great merit, and we have begun others that are bound to exert a momentous influence on the entire concept of parent-teacher work in the years that lie immediately ahead.

It has taken real cooperation at every level of parent-teacher leadership to achieve success in so many fields. It has also called for continual resourcefulness, both in planning and in executing our program, and an unwavering faith in our Objects and purposes. Sacrifice and hard work have been our constant companions along the way. But no matter how seemingly inaccessible the goal nor how obstructed the pathway leading to it, we have not faltered nor turned back. We dared not fail the children to whose welfare we had pledged ourselves when we were installed as officers.

### A Glance Back

Let me review very briefly some of the accomplishments of the three years since I became your national president. In that short span of time we have added 1,864,252 members to our ranks. This indeed is an impressive gain, and it brings our total membership up to the 5,774,358 mark.

Those of you who are the local leaders of this great civilian army of parents and teachers have a heavy responsibility. You know that every member is needed in the P.T.A. Therefore welcome the newcomers, and encourage those of longer standing who have already

worked hard for the association. Above all, keep ever before you the image of the CHILD. Remember that our sole reason for existence as an organization is to work for his interests. If we remind ourselves constantly of this fact, we shall discover that there is no time left over for petty bickerings or unwise organizational politics. Let it never be said of any of us that we were more interested in personal glory and gain than in the welfare of the children and youth of the land.

As you have already surmised, the promotion of the *National Parent-Teacher* has always been a project close to my heart, for I know of no more effective instrument in helping us to achieve our goals in home-school cooperation, child guidance, health, parent education, and the other areas of our concern. It is therefore with a sense of pride that I congratulate each of you who has helped us practically to double the circulation of our national magazine since 1946. As I retire to the honorable post of a past president of our great organization, I shall watch with confidence the progress you will make in at least tripling the number of subscribers in the next three years.

### These Among Others

It is almost impossible to pick out individual projects carried on during this administration and to say, "These were especially important." All were important. But as I look back, some do stand out above their fellows as representative of our varied accomplishments.

It was during this administration, for example, that the National Congress came of age. We reached the half-century mark and celebrated our Golden Jubilee with gratitude for the past and confidence in the future. Honoring our Founders and predecessors, we nevertheless were first of all concerned with the new responsibilities our own maturity placed upon us. In this spirit we held our Golden Jubilee convention. And it was to encourage the present by the

example of the past that we published our *Golden Jubilee History*.

We have come far in these fifty-odd years, and today we are better equipped than ever before to continue the good work so ably begun.

Now we are seeing the publication of a long-awaited interpretative history of this first half century of the parent-teacher movement. It is our own story, written as only Harry and Bonaro Overstreet could have written it. Even the title is descriptive—*Where Children Come First: A Study of the P.T.A. Idea*.

### For a Fairer World

These have been peace-building years, these years from 1946 to 1949. Although we of the National Congress have always been in the forefront of those who work for peace, it seems to me that recently we have been even more than ordinarily active—and rightly so. As your president I have taken unusual pleasure in carrying out my responsibilities of representing you on the United States National Commission for UNESCO. And few indeed have been the conferences or meetings dealing with world problems—or with national problems either, for that matter—at which this great organization of ours has not been represented. Frequently we have taken a guiding part in the deliberations. Our interest, too, has definitely gone far beyond the discussion stage. I shall not soon forget how generously parent-teacher groups responded to our goodwill project of sending kits of personal and classroom necessities to teachers who were struggling to carry on the education of European youth. Some three thousand kits were packed and shipped overseas that year. Who can say how many hearts were warmed and how much encouragement they brought to weary spirits? In addition to the teachers' kits, many a package has since crossed the ocean, donated by some generous parent-teacher group and shipped through the facilities of CARE or the Save the Children Federation.

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## Family Affairs

As I think of these other countries of the world, I inevitably find myself thinking too about our own far-spreading parent-teacher family. In these past three years I have had the deep satisfaction of meeting many of our members personally and of visiting many branches. In addition I have greeted our Hawaiian members in person and, in the course of my trip to Caracas, Venezuela, where I attended the Ninth Pan American Child Congress, I stopped off for a rewarding glimpse of some of our flourishing P.T.A.'s in the Panama Canal Zone.

The tremendous growth of the National Congress in recent months and the realization that ours is no longer a young and struggling organization have caused us to give much thought to the question of a permanent national headquarters. During this administration we have taken the first steps to investigate the problem of providing for ourselves a suitable office building from which the affairs of the National Congress can be effectively administered.

## Helping Parents

It has always been a fundamental belief of the National Congress that the one best way to help the child is to help the parent. Parent education is therefore one of our unchanging purposes, and this year we have added to our staff on a part-time basis five outstanding specialists. These men and women will serve as parent education consultants, one in each of five geographical regions of the country. With their experienced counsel to assist us, I anticipate new advances in this important and expanding field of parent-teacher leadership.

With the years also we have come to appreciate the importance to children of a cordial partnership between parents and teachers. A truly significant pioneering step was taken when we enlisted the cooperation of Northwestern University in a three-year program to acquaint teachers and teachers-to-be with the parent-teacher organization—its objectives, projects, methods, and implications for the education and welfare of children. That program got under way last September. It is being conducted as a fully accredited part of the curriculum of Northwestern's School of Education. It is far too early for us to assess its value. But I am certain that in the years to come we shall appreciate even more than we do now that this is one of the most far-reaching undertakings in which the National Congress has ever engaged.

## Legislation for the Child

As an organization whose membership is nudging the six-million mark, the National Congress today commands the respectful attention of lawmakers in state and national capitals. Recognizing keenly our heavy responsibilities, therefore, we give thoughtful consideration to proposed legislation before we either sanction it or take a stand against it. Let me mention briefly two of the most important bills for which we have consistently campaigned in these recent years. I mean, of course, federal aid for education (S.246) and the proposed measure to extend and strengthen local public health services (S.522, H.R.267, and H.R.785). Both are now before Congress, and both have received bipartisan support.

Then, too, as I look back—not very many months this time—I think of our current program to combat the influence of objectionable comics, motion pictures, and radio programs. On the recommendation of the Board of Managers last fall, I appointed an action committee to give nation-wide direction to this project. Our greatest efforts have naturally been directed against the greatest offenders—the comic books. Our program has been enthusiastically endorsed by thoughtful men and women inside and outside our own membership, and it is gratifying to be able to report that real progress is being made.

## Our Four Points

As I recall these and many other projects, too numerous to mention, I feel more certain than ever before that our Four-Point Program, inaugurated at the start of this administration, met a tremendous need at all levels of the organization. By concentrating for three years on four vital areas—*school education, health, world understanding, and parent and family life education*—we successfully demonstrated to ourselves and outsiders the unity and coherence of parent-teacher principles through the years.

We are even now engaged in evaluating that Four-Point Program. In order to do so, we have sent questionnaire postals to the local units requesting that they be filled in and returned to us at the earliest possible date. If you have not yet returned your card, won't you please send it along at once? Only if all of us tell what we have done in our individual units shall we be able to learn what all of us have accomplished the nation over.

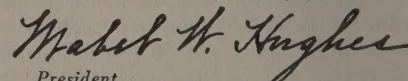
## As We Are

Today the parent-teacher movement is one of the foremost social forces in our own land. Its story is carried to far-away places. By word and action we have helped to cement the bonds of freedom and peace among people whose language differs from ours but whose hearts yearn for the same good things that we have secured for our children, our homes, and our schools. When world-wide good will and peace are eventually achieved, the part played by parent-teacher members and leaders may not be written down and preserved in the archives of nations. Nevertheless, deep in the hearts of fathers and mothers and teachers everywhere will be the knowledge that the National Congress of Parents and Teachers made a telling contribution to human understanding between peoples of all nations, races, and creeds.

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I have done my best to serve you well during the period you entrusted the leadership of our organization to my keeping. It has been a privilege and an honor to be your national president. I thank you all for your loyalty and support, and I shall look back with joy and satisfaction to the years when you and I worked together to promote the Objects of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Faithfully yours,



President

National Congress of Parents and Teachers

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# Fifty or More

ALL previous subscription records have been shattered! This month membership in our Fifty-or-More Club comes to the grand total of 617 associations. Multiply 617 by fifty—the smallest number of subscriptions to the *National Parent-Teacher* which are required for membership—and the result is clearly a cause for rejoicing.

Sharing honors with the associations in this splendid showing are the state congresses. Illinois provided the largest number of qualifying associations—or 64 in all. Pennsylvania and Alabama finished next among the first ten in close competition, with 48 and 47 associations, respectively. Then came North Carolina with 31; Iowa with 24; Georgia and Ohio, each with 23; Arkansas and Oregon with 22 each; and Mississippi and Texas with 21 each.

Four states only failed to qualify an association for the Fifty-or-More Club.

Lewis and Clark	Richland, Wash.	341
Robert E. Lee	Birmingham, Ala.	290
Capitol Heights Elem.	Montgomery, Ala.	260
Cloverdale	Montgomery, Ala.	252
Doty	Detroit, Mich.	250
Humes High	Memphis, Tenn.	233
North Canton	North Canton, Ohio	230
S.M. Inman	Atlanta, Ga.	229
Dundalk	Dundalk, Md.	228
Lacy	Warren, Pa.	220
Locke	Arlington, Mass.	212
Burton	Grand Rapids, Mich.	207
Central Jr. High	Greensboro, N.C.	205
Lindley Elem.	Greensboro, N.C.	204
Clinton	Clinton, N.C.	202
Morningside	Atlanta, Ga.	195
Westwood	Cincinnati, Ohio	187
Barrett	Birmingham, Ala.	184
Darwin	Chicago, Ill.	182
Lincoln	Kingsport, Tenn.	177
Laurelhurst	Portland, Ore.	176
Richville	Navarre, Ohio	154
Congress Heights	Washington, D.C.	150
Gregory Heights	Portland, Ore.	150
Perkins	Des Moines, Iowa	147
Tarrant Elem.	Tarrant, Ala.	145
Peninsula	Portland, Ore.	145
Oxford	Cleveland Heights, Ohio	135
Beacon Hill	San Antonio, Texas	135
Miami Shores	Miami, Fla.	133
Noble	Detroit, Mich.	132
Jefferson	Erie, Pa.	130
Columbia	Coatesville, Pa.	128
Cullman City	Cullman, Ala.	127
Merrick Elem.	Merrick, N.Y.	127
Inglebrook	Birmingham, Ala.	126
Lincoln	Pottstown, Pa.	125
Franklin	Wichita Falls, Texas	124
Johnson Memorial	Columbus, Ga.	121
Budlong	Chicago, Ill.	121
Parker	Detroit, Mich.	121
Fairfield	Fairfield, Ala.	120
Harding	Erie, Pa.	120
Hubbell	Des Moines, Iowa	118
Idelwild	Memphis, Tenn.	116
Taylor Center	Dearborn, Mich.	115
I.N. Ragsdale	Atlanta, Ga.	113
Robert Burns	Detroit, Mich.	113
Stevenson	Meridian, Miss.	113
Loretto	Montgomery, Ala.	112
Eastern Elem.	Washington, D.C.	112
South Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls, S.D.	112

Mason	Chicago, Ill.	111
Duniway	Portland, Ore.	110
Gramby Elem.	Norfolk, Va.	110
Roosevelt	Wauwatosa, Wis.	110
Smithfield Ave.	Pawtucket, R.I.	109
Phillips High	Birmingham, Ala.	108
Lindbergh	Dearborn, Mich.	108
Elizabeth City	Elizabeth City, N.C.	106
Taft	Charleston, W. Va.	106
Romana Riley	Savannah, Ga.	105
J.W. Howe	Pittsburgh, Pa.	105
Fairview	Camden, Ark.	104
Guilford School #214	Baltimore, Md.	104
Park Hill	North Little Rock, Ark.	102
Jefferson	Fargo, N.D.	102
Roosevelt High	Des Moines, Iowa	101
Drew	Drew, Miss.	101
Elroy (Brentwood)	Pittsburgh, Pa.	101
Kalibi-Kai	Honolulu, T.H.	101
McPherson	Chicago, Ill.	100
Daretown	Daretown, N.J.	100
Emerson	Altoona, Pa.	100
Lincoln Jr. High	Salt Lake City, Utah	100
Jamieson	Chicago, Ill.	98
Forest Ave.	Montgomery, Ala.	97
McComb Gram.	McComb, Miss.	97
Miller Park	Omaha, Nebr.	97
Washington	Bettendorf, Iowa	96
Eastover	Charlotte, N.C.	96
Barnard	Tulsa, Okla.	95
Franklin	West Allis, Wis.	94
Snowden	Memphis, Tenn.	93
St. Andrews	Erie, Pa.	92
Emerson	Sioux Falls, S.D.	92
Ben. Franklin	Milwaukee, Wis.	92
Howe	Chicago, Ill.	91
Andrew Jackson	Kingsport, Tenn.	91
R.B. Fisher	Corpus Christi, Texas	91
Brackett	Arlington, Mass.	90
Bryant	Sioux City, Iowa	88
W. Wilson	Birmingham, Ala.	87
Jackson	Omaha, Nebr.	87
Clarendon	Canton, Ohio	87
McRae	No. Little Rock, Ark.	86
Cole	Boise, Idaho	86
P.A. Capdau	New Orleans, La.	86
Maple	Newark, N.J.	86
E.S. Rhodes	Cranston, R.I.	86
Barnard	Washington, D.C.	85
Arthur	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	85
Johnson	Davenport, Iowa	85
Poindexter	Jackson, Miss.	85
Fred A. Olds	Raleigh, N.C.	85
Wyomassing	Reading, Pa.	85
Yocum	El Dorado, Ark.	84
Wayne	Erie, Pa.	84
Benson West	Omaha, Nebr.	83
Washington	Omaha, Nebr.	83
Franklin	Fargo, N.D.	83
Park	Boise, Idaho	82
Amite	Amite, La.	82
Stevens	Altoona, Pa.	82
Wright	Altoona, Pa.	82
Farnsworth	Chicago, Ill.	81
Ardmore	Winston-Salem, N.C.	81
Edgefield	Canton, Ohio	81
Beaverton Grade	Beaverton, Ore.	81
Jefferson	Pocatello, Idaho	80
Edgebrook	Chicago, Ill.	80
Omaha, Nebr.	Omaha, Nebr.	80
Lancaster	Lancaster, Pa.	80
Kingsville, Texas	Kingsville, Texas	80
Atlanta, Ga.	Atlanta, Ga.	79
Chicago, Ill.	Chicago, Ill.	79
Central City, Ky.	Central City, Ky.	78
Lake Charles, La.	Lake Charles, La.	78
Altoona, Pa.	Altoona, Pa.	78
Annisston, Ala.	Annisston, Ala.	77
Birmingham, Ala.	Birmingham, Ala.	77
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	77
Wilson, N.C.	Wilson, N.C.	77
Knoxville, Tenn.	Knoxville, Tenn.	77
Beaumont, Texas	Beaumont, Texas	77
Dallas, Texas	Dallas, Texas	77
Madison, Wis.	Madison, Wis.	77
Washington, D.C.	Washington, D.C.	76
Jackson, Miss.	Jackson, Miss.	76
Altoona, Pa.	Altoona, Pa.	76
Imperial, Pa.	Imperial, Pa.	76
Oakdale, Pa.	Oakdale, Pa.	76

● In recognition of the unusual efforts put forth by association leaders and magazine chairmen to interest as many as fifty or more of their members in subscribing to the *National Parent-Teacher*, we are giving each association that belongs to the Fifty-or-More Club an attractive red and gold badge. This badge may be worn by the magazine chairman at local meetings or meetings at other levels of parent-teacher work throughout the year. If the magazine chairman is unable to attend these meetings, we suggest that the president or other official delegate wear the badge.

If your association belongs to the Fifty-or-More Club and is represented by a delegate at the national convention, be sure to have the delegate come to the magazine booth in Assembly Room No. 1 in the Opera House to get his badge. He will want to wear it for all to see at every session he attends. Badges that are not called for at the convention will be mailed to the associations in June.

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Nathan C. Shaeffer	Lancaster, Pa.	75
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Burnet	Burnett, Texas	75
Burnet	Houston, Texas	75
Washington	Salt Lake City, Utah	75
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Northport Elem.	Northport, Ala.	74
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Franklin	Belleville, Ill.	73
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Brandon Consolidated	Brandon, Miss.	71
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Fair Garden	Knoxville, Tenn.	71
Grandview	Phoenix, Ariz.	70
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B.C. Graham	Tampa, Fla.	70
G. Stewart	Chicago, Ill.	70
Centennial	Evansville, Ind.	70
Garfield	Collingswood, N.J.	70
Cedarhurst #3	Cedarhurst, L.I., N.Y.	70
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Jackson Twp.	Massillon, Ohio	70
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Dubois	Springfield, Ill.	69
Garfield	Salt Lake City, Utah	69
Lanier High	Montgomery, Ala.	68
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Adams	Altoona, Pa.	67	Joaquin	Provo, Utah	59	Gordan	Memphis, Tenn.	54
Columbus	Erie, Pa.	67	Adams	Spokane, Wash.	59	Oakville	Oakville, Tenn.	54
Whittier	Mitchell, S.D.	67	Burdge	Beloit, Wis.	59	Spokane, Wash.	Spokane, Wash.	54
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Ann Beers	Washington, D.C.	66	East Clinton	Huntsville, Ala.	58	Central Park	Ash Fork, Ark.	53
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McGehee	McGehee, Ark.	65	School #4	West New York, N.J.	58	Waldo	Atlanta, Ga.	53
St. Elmo	Columbus, Ga.	65	Wilson	Kannapolis, N.C.	58	Howell		
Brenan	Chicago, Ill.	65	Edgewood Elem.	Birmingham, Ala.	57			
Chappell	Chicago, Ill.	65	Childersburg	Childersburg, Ala.	57	Trion	Trion, Ga.	53
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Ebinger	Chicago, Ill.	65	Haddon Hgts.	Haddon Heights, N.J.	57	Bryant	Boone, Iowa	53
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Whittier	Oskaloosa, Iowa	65	Roosevelt	Weehawken, N.J.	57	Grant	Oskaloosa, Iowa	53
Georgia Tucker	Monroe, La.	65	Poland	Poland, Ohio	57	Kingsley	Waterloo, Iowa	53
Fair Plain	Benton Harbor, Mich.	65	Blackstone	Blackstone, Va.	57	Morgan City	Morgan City, La.	53
R. Fanning	St. Louis, Mo.	65	Randolph	Suffolk, Va.	57	Alcott	Hastings, Nebr.	53
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Columbian	Omaha, Nebr.	65				Hawthorne Ave.	Newark, N.J.	53
Roosevelt	Klamath Falls, Ore.	65	Searcy Elem.	Searcy, Ark.	56	West Hill	Ilion, N.Y.	53
Alameda	Portland, Ore.	65	Harris	Atlanta, Ga.	56	Elizabeth	Charlotte, N.C.	53
Chapman	Portland, Ore.	65	Rivers	Atlanta, Ga.	56	Nyssa	Nyssa, Ore.	53
Vernon	Portland, Ore.	65	Funston	Chicago, Ill.	56	Colver	Colver, Pa.	53
Hill Top	Cyclone, Pa.	65	Rantoul	Rantoul, Ill.	56	Washington	Erie, Pa.	53
Sunbury Hill	Sunbury, Pa.	65	Kenwick	Lexington, Ky.	56			
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Michigan Ave.	Columbus, Ohio	64	Woodleaf	Woodleaf, N.C.	56	Goode St.	Montgomery, Ala.	52
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			Kennedy	Portland, Ore.	56	Fires Ward	Pine Bluff, Ark.	52
Uintah	Salt Lake City, Utah	64				38th St.	Savannah, Ga.	52
University Hgts.	Tucson, Ariz.	64	Pottstown	Pottstown, Pa.	56	Longfellow	Boise, Idaho	52
Roger Sherman	New Haven, Conn.	63	Henry	Richmond, Va.	56	Brentano	Chicago, Ill.	52
Roosevelt	Moline, Ill.	63	Dudgeon	Madison, Wis.	56	Hibbard	Chicago, Ill.	52
Clay St.	Vicksburg, Miss.	63	Townsend	Milwaukee, Wis.	56	Peterson	Chicago, Ill.	52
Centralia	Centralia, Mo.	63	Hemphill	Birmingham, Ala.	55	Roosevelt High	Chicago, Ill.	52
Proximity	Greensboro, N.C.	63	Hewitt Elem.	Trussville, Ala.	55			
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Lincoln	Mt. Lebanon, Pa.	63	Bunnell High	Bunnell, Fla.	55	Church	Rockford, Ill.	52
Colfax	Pittsburgh, Pa.	63	Cox	Atlanta, Ga.	55	Weston	Elkhart, Ind.	52
Wasatch	Salt Lake City, Utah	63	Moore	Savannah, Ga.	55	Culver Grade	Evansville, Ind.	52
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Sawyer Ave.	Chicago, Ill.	62	Portage Park	Chicago, Ill.	55	Jefferson	Spencer, Iowa	52
Beardsley	Elkhart, Ind.	62	Wadsworth	Chicago, Ill.	55	Harry	Wichita, Kans.	52
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Allen	Hutchinson, Kans.	62				Barr	Jackson, Miss.	52
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ALTHOUGH practically all other periodicals in the country had to increase their subscription rates two and three years ago, the *National Parent-Teacher* has continued to operate at its customary dollar a year. This nominal rate was maintained in the hope that prices would level off and that certain economies in management would offset increased expenses.

However, instead of coming down, most costs have risen to such an extent that it is no longer possible for us to publish, print, and distribute the *National Parent-Teacher* for one dollar a year. Remember, the Magazine has never been published for profit. The problem today is simply one of publishing the *National Parent-Teacher* without going into the red.

The whole question of the advisability of increasing the subscription rate was given long and thoughtful consideration by the members of the board of directors. Many persons were approached to enable the board to benefit by their experience. All of them felt that the price should be raised immediately. Some suggested a fifty-cent increase, stating that the very quality of the material in the *National Parent-Teacher* made it well worth \$1.50 or more a year. Others pointed to the 100 and 200 per cent increases established by publications that enjoy a large advertising as well as a subscription revenue and marveled that the National Congress has been able to maintain its old rate for so long.

On the basis of a study of the Magazine's finances and the combined comments and suggestions of qualified ex-

perts in the publishing industry, the directors voted to increase the subscription rate only twenty-five cents a year, beginning September 1, 1949. On and after that date, therefore, the following rates will apply:

**\$1.25 a year for 10 issues, U.S. and possessions**  
**\$1.50 in Canada**  
**\$1.75 in other countries**

*Single copy rates in the U.S. and possessions will remain the same—fifteen cents. Elsewhere the single copy rate will be twenty cents.*

Of course, all subscriptions received between now and September 1, 1949, will be accepted at the present rates. After September 1 subscribers who do not remit at the new rates will be billed for the difference.

I am sure that every local president, chairman, and other parent-teacher worker will do all he can between now and September 1 to advise present and prospective subscribers of this increase in price.

On behalf of the directors I thank all of you for your support and for making our 1948-49 campaign a notable one in every state branch. Not one state ended the campaign year with a loss! And when the final report is compiled I am confident that it will be the best we have ever released.

MRS. JAMES FITTS HILL, President,  
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# WHAT OUR CONGRESS PARENT-

## A Community-made Cannery

An energetic P.T.A., working in close cooperation with other agencies, has established an impressive cannery and an efficient lunchroom at Mendenhall High School in Simpson County, Mississippi.

The lunchroom story goes back to 1935, when the need for a mid-day meal at school was met by a penny milk program and a lunchroom in small, inadequate quarters. In those days, many parents canned their home garden produce and brought it to the school to help pay for their children's lunches.

Ambitious for a better lunch program, the P.T.A. embarked on a series of fund-raising activities, including carnivals and sales at the school athletic games. One Halloween carnival raised \$1,000.

The result of what was largely P.T.A. effort is the present lunchroom. Housed in what was originally a teachers' residence, it is kept well equipped and shining clean by the cooperative work of various civic bodies and of volunteer members of the school's vocational classes.

Menus are varied, and the children are learning about foods they never tasted before—and are learning to like foods they never liked before. A sound program of nutritional education goes hand in hand with lunch planning. Teachers eat at the tables with their pupils, helping this education along.

Serving about 400 pupils—the majority of the school enrollment—every day, the lunchroom provides, at minimum cost, meat, vegetables, bread or muffins with butter or margarine, and a half pint of milk. Fruit or tomato juices also are frequently included.

The Federal Government partially reimburses the school for lunchroom foods under an agreement between the state department of education and the production and marketing administration of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The cannery, established to encourage home gardening and canning, has more than fulfilled its purpose. Originally located in the Mendenhall community house, it rapidly outgrew its first home and was moved to the school grounds, where it is today. From an initial investment of about \$2,400 in funds granted

to the school under the National Defense Program, the cannery has become a \$6,000 institution—and on a profit margin of only two cents a can.

To date, about 36,000 quarts of fruits and vegetables have been put up in the Mendenhall cannery. Of this quantity, 5,800 go to the school lunchroom, 800 to other school lunchrooms in the county, and 29,400 are intended for home use.

The success of this cannery has encouraged the growth of two others in Simpson County and has resulted in the reestablishment of the school's garden project. Mendenhall High has ten acres in cultivation, from which it has raised and sold, among other things, 100 bushels of corn.

## There Is Always a Way

The Johnson Memorial School in Columbus, Georgia, is quite proud of its record this year in securing magazine subscriptions. Mrs. H. V. Hancock, Magazine chairman, made a new approach by sending individual letters to the homes of all parents enrolled in the P.T.A. These appealing notices announced that the *National Parent-Teacher* would like to board for a year

in each home, and asked that good care and close supervision please be given each copy. In return, rich dividends were promised.

Good results were obtained, for out of two hundred families who were approached, 121 subscriptions were received. A total coverage of more than 50 per cent!

The Johnson School, named in honor of Mrs. Nunnally Johnson, founder of the P.T.A. in Columbus and a member of the advisory board of the Georgia Congress of Parents and Teachers, opened its doors in September 1948. For years Mrs. Johnson had served on the board of education, and she was honored and respected by the citizens and youth of the county. This year the Muscogee County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations decided that a tribute to her would be most fitting. They therefore raised funds to have her portrait painted. This portrait was unveiled in the new school on her birthday, February 14. Her son, J. Nunnally Johnson of Hollywood, California, writer and motion picture producer, and his young daughter Christie were present for the occasion.

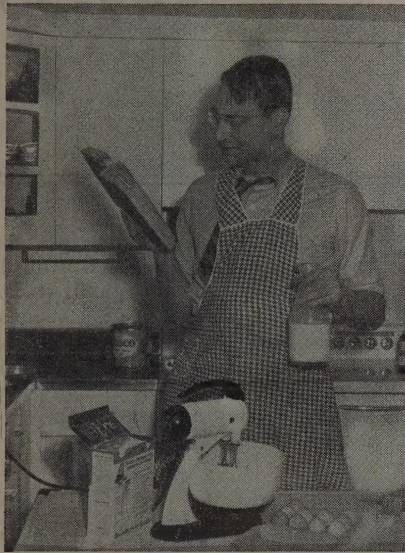


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Prominent women of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, honor the president of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers and the state board of managers at a tea during the Texas convention held last November in El Paso. Extreme left: Mrs. C. C. Clark, regional vice-president of the National Congress, from Natchez, Mississippi. Fourth from left: Mrs. J. H. Moore, Texas state president. About 25 members of the Society of Fathers and Mothers in Ciudad Juarez were special guests at the convention.



# TEACHER GROUPS *Are Doing*



Dana school principal; Warren Arthur, school janitor; and Mrs. Dorothy Bruce.

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The preschool P.T.A. in Euclid, Ohio, has established a Saturday afternoon baby-sitting service for the tenants in a public housing project. The children are under careful supervision in the auditorium of the community center, and are provided with entertainment and refreshment. The fee for an afternoon

is fifty cents for one child and twenty-five cents for each additional youngster in the same family. This seems like an excellent plan, and one that should win a great many new friends for the P.T.A.

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The latest unit in Japan to join the National Congress is the Camp Crawford P.T.A. in Sapporo, Hokkaido, which has 49 charter members.

## Business with Pleasure

The recent Fathers' Night meeting of the Dana P.T.A. in Cranston, Rhode Island, was an unusually lively affair attended by over a hundred persons.

The program was planned and carried out entirely by fathers. It included a mock radio presentation of a "Queen for a Day" contest whose male contestants received votes by popular applause, and a cake-baking competition in which eighteen fathers entered their own culinary masterpieces.

Robert T. Stafford was chosen Queen for a Day, and received several gifts and the promise of a trip to Chippenhook with all expenses paid. Harold Carmichael and William Beck tied for first place in the cake-baking contest, which was judged by Catherine Gaynor,



## Safety Stressed in Oregon

"Safety at Our Doorstep" was one of the panel discussions held at the annual convention of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers in Klamath Falls, Oregon. From left (seated): Mrs. H. H. Hargreaves, state president; Mrs. R. H. Walter, state safety chairman; Mrs. Hugh Haddock, vice-president, region VI; and Ralph Carlson, San Francisco, American Red Cross representative. Standing: Sidney King, safety department, Oregon State Motor Association; Paul G. Warren, driver consultant, office of secretary of state; James R. Banks, traffic safety division, department of state; and Robert A. Pike, San Francisco, field representative, western region, National Safety Council.

The registration committee reported that 460 delegates, representing 270 units, attended the three-day convention. The main points approved by the delegates were an enlarged safety program,

a definite stand on radio programs, continuation of tuition scholarships for qualified persons entering the teaching profession in the elementary school field, endorsement of the Local Public Health Services Act of 1948 (now before Congress as Local Public Health Units Act of 1949), and endorsement of legislation to give full voting privileges to all citizens.

Vice-presidents were elected, and two life memberships in the National Congress were presented, to Mrs. H. H. Hargreaves, state president, and to Mrs. Harry H. George, past state president. These are the first life memberships ever presented by the Oregon Congress.

The Oregon Congress enrollment increased 24.42 per cent over the previous year; of the 449 local units, 74 were organized during 1947-48. The convention approved the revision of the constitution to create two new state regions.

- **National Convention Dates:**  
May 16-18, 1949
- **Place:** St. Louis, Missouri
- **Headquarters:** Jefferson Hotel
- **The Sunday, May 15, Vesper Service** will be held in the Christ Church Cathedral at 4:00 p.m.
- Please refer to the March 1949 *Bulletin* for information about hotel reservations, and to the April 1949 issue for program information. Please be sure to bring your MEMBERSHIP CARD with you to the National Convention.

# PARENT EDUCATION STUDY AND DISCUSSION PROGRAMS FOR 1949-50

THEME: *Freedom To Grow*

TO all thoughtful parents and teachers today has come a new and intensified realization of the supreme worth of freedom. To help them build the kind of environment—in home, school, and community—that will enable children and youth to rise to full stature as free citizens of a democracy, the *National Parent-Teacher* has chosen “Freedom To Grow” for the theme of next year’s study courses.

Three study courses will be presented: one for the fathers

and mothers of preschool children, another for parents and teachers of children in elementary school, and a third for parents and teachers of adolescents. Each monthly study course article will be accompanied by an outline, complete with pertinent points for discussion, questions, references, and program suggestions. These helps have been planned especially for group leaders. They will greatly simplify the important task of conducting good programs designed to stimulate interest and sustain it throughout the year.

## • Children in Preschool

### SEPTEMBER

Preventing Emotional Problems

### OCTOBER

How Genes Determine Growth

### NOVEMBER

Learning To Live with People

### DECEMBER

The Parent and the Pediatrician

### JANUARY

Does Punishment Pay?

### FEBRUARY

Handling Anxiety and Hostility

### MARCH

Responsibility—Little Today, Bigger Tomorrow

### APRIL

Why Not Enjoy Your Children?

• This course will be directed by Hunter H. Comly, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, State University of Iowa.

## • Children in Elementary School

### SEPTEMBER

Problems in the Parent-Teacher Relationship

### OCTOBER

Bashful or Bold?

### NOVEMBER

School Reports and Reporters

### DECEMBER

Learning To Like the Best

### JANUARY

Sex Education, Continued

### FEBRUARY

Citizenship—A Double Duty

### MARCH

The Measure of Responsibility

### APRIL

How Much Do Manners Mean?

• This course will be directed by Ralph H. Ojemann, Associate Professor, Child Welfare Research Station, State University of Iowa, and Eva H. Grant, Editor, *National Parent-Teacher*.

## • Adolescents

### SEPTEMBER

Growing Up in the U.S.A.

### OCTOBER

Are “Fads and Frills” Fundamental?

### NOVEMBER

The Struggle for Independence

### DECEMBER

What Kind of Success for Our Children?

### JANUARY

Sharing Is Self-fulfillment

### FEBRUARY

The Open Mind in a Changing World

### MARCH

What Do Psychological Tests Really Tell?

### APRIL

Evaluating Sex Education

• This course will be directed by Sidonie M. Gruenberg, Director, Child Study Association of America, and Chairman, National Committee for Parent Education.

*Note to leaders:* The first article in each of the courses will be published in the September issue. Because back copies will not be available, be sure that subscriptions are renewed well in advance and that orders for new subscriptions to begin with the September number are sent in during July or August.

A handy leaflet containing the above information will be available free to groups interested in undertaking these study courses. Write to *National Parent-Teacher: The P.T.A. Magazine*, 600 South Michigan Boulevard, Chicago 5, Illinois.